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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS AO
SUBJECT: SHOOTOUT AT THE ENGLISH SCHOOL

PRETORIA FOR RSO

1. I REPORTED IN AN EARLIER CABLE THAT THE MPLA HAD MOVED TROOPS INTO A HOUSE NEXT TO THE ENGLISH SCHOOL, WHERE ALL AMERICAN CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED. ON APRIL 23 THE FNLA TOOK OVER A ROMAN CATHOLIC RETREAT CENTER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SCHOOL AND INSTALLED ABOUT FIFTY TROOPS. THE SHOOTING BEGAN AT 0100 APRIL 24 AND WENT ON FOR TWO OR THREE HOURS. AS THE SCHOOL IS BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS, THEY USED IT TO RECONNOITER AND TO GAIN POSITION. FORTUNATELY, NEITHER SIDE WAS ESPECIALLY ANGRY AT THE OTHER AND MOST OF THE SHOTS WERE FIRED INTO THE AIR.

2. I WENT OVER AT 0800 ON APRIL 24 AND TALKED FIRST WITH THE MPLA. THEY DID NOT REALIZE FNLA HAD TAKEN OVER THE RETREAT CENTER AND THOUGHT THE TROOPS MUST HAVE SNEAKED UP AT NIGHT IN A VEHICLE WITHOUT LIGHTS. I THEN WENT AND PALAVERED WITH THE FNLA WHO HAD SOLDIERS STRUNG OUT ALONG THE ROAD AND WERE STOPPING
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TRAFFIC. BOTH SIDES, OF COURSE, SAID THE OTHER STARTED THE

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SHOOTING. I TOLD THEM TO STAY OFF THE SCHOOL PROPERTY AND TRIED
TO GET THEM TO ENTER INTO DIRECT TALKS, BUT THEY CLAIMED TO BE
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO TALK WITH ANY OTHER ARMED
FORCE UNLESS ORDERED TO DO SO BY THEIR COMMANDING OFFICERS.
NO OFFICERS WERE PRESENT FROM EITHER SIDE, SO I TELEPHONED
VARIOUS OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, TO ASK
THAT BOTH MPLA AND FNLA SEND SOMEONE IN AUTHORITY TO THE SCENE.

3. THE ENGLISH SCHOOL HAS MOVED ITS OPERATIONS INTO TWO ADJACENT
HOUSES IN THE CITY.
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